

In the Claims

A complete listing of the claims of the application follows:

1. (Currently amended) A wear pad for insertion between a load to be lifted and a lifting device, ~~such as a chain or wire cable of a crane, hoist or other lifting device,~~ comprising

a cylindrical shaped edge protector containing raised edges at each cylindrical end of the edge protector, which raised edges extend substantially around the circumference of the edge protector and are extended outward from an outside surface of the edge protector at least about 0.5 inch, wherein a cut out section has been removed from the cylindrical-shaped edge protector, wherein said cut out section extends from one end to the opposite end of the cylindrical edge protector, wherein the cut out section comprises a wedge shaped piece cut out, and wherein the angle of the arc of the cut out section is from about 45 to about 270 degrees.

2. (Original) The wear protector of Claim 1 further comprising a slot cut into a center of the cylindrical edge protector extending substantially from one end to the other end of the edge protector.

3. (Original) The wear protector of Claim 1 further comprising an attachment element for attaching the load being lifted by the lifting device to an inside surface of the cut out section of the wear protector.

4. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 3, wherein the attachment element comprises one or more magnets secured to or within the inside surface of the cut out section.

5. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 1, wherein the edge protector is comprised of an injection molded, plastic material.

6. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 5, wherein the injection molded edge protector is comprised of polypropylene.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 7, wherein the angle of the arc of the cut out section is from about 45 degrees to about 120 degrees.

9. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 1, wherein one arm of the wear protector is wider than a second arm.

10. (Currently amended) A wear pad for insertion between a load to be lifted and a lifting device, ~~such as a chain or wire cable of a crane, hoist or other lifting device,~~ comprising

a cylindrical-shaped edge protector containing raised edges at each cylindrical end of the edge protector, which raised edges extend substantially around the circumference of the edge protector and are extended outward from an outside surface of the edge protector at least about 0.5 inch, wherein a cut out section has been removed from the cylindrical shaped edge protector to form two arms of an inside surface of the edges protector, wherein said cut out section extends from one end

to the opposite end of the cylindrical edge protector, and wherein the cut out section comprises a wedge shaped piece cut out, wherein the angle of the arc of the cut out section is from about 45 to about 270 degrees,

a slot cut into a center of the inside surface of the cylindrical edge portion.

11. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 10, wherein the edge protector is comprised of injection molded polypropylene.

12. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 10, wherein one arm of the edge protector is wider than a second arm.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 13, wherein the angle of the arc of the cut out section is from about 45 degrees to about 120 degrees.

15. (Original) A wear pad for insertion between a load to be lifted and a lifting device, ~~such as a chain or wire cable of a crane, hoist or other lifting device,~~ comprising

a cylindrical-shaped edge protector containing raised edges at each cylindrical end of the edge protector, which raised edges extend around the circumference of the edge protector and are extended outward from an outside surface of the edge protector at least about 0.5 inch, wherein a cut out section has been removed from the cylindrical shaped edge protector, wherein said cut out section extends from one end to the opposite end

of the cylindrical edge protector, wherein the outside surface of the edge protector extends through an arc of about 45 to about 120°, and

an attachment element secured to an inside surface of the cut out section of the edge protector for attaching the edge protector to the load being lifted by the lifting device.

16. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 15, wherein the attachment element comprises one or more magnets secured within the inside surface of the edge protector.

17. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 15, wherein the edge protector is comprised of injection molded, plastic.

18. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 17, wherein the injection molded edge protector is comprised of polypropylene.

19. (Original) The wear pad of Claim 14, wherein one arm of the edge protector is wider than a second arm.

Basis for Amendment to the Claims

The applicant has amended the preamble to Claims 1, 10 and 15, as suggested by the Examiner, to eliminate claim indefiniteness. In addition, the applicant has incorporated the limitations of dependent Claim 7 into independent Claim 1 and dependent Claim 13 into Claim 10. The applicant asserts that none of these amendments introduce new matter into the claims.